

missioners of the town of Fayetteville to render the fire department of said town more efficient, the said mayor and commissioners are hereby authorized to organize such engine and hose companies, hook and ladder and bucket companies as they may deem necessary for the protection of said town against fire.

Control.

SEC. 2. That said companies when organized as aforesaid shall be under the control of the said mayor and commissioners, under such rules and regulations as the said mayor and commissioners may from time to time prescribe for their government.

Chief fire warden.

SEC. 3. That the said mayor and commissioners shall annually appoint a chief fire warden, and as far as practicable from the different wards of the town, who shall hold their offices one year from their appointment, and in case of a vacancy by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the said mayor and commissioners shall fill the same.

SEC. 4. That as soon after their appointment as practicable the chief fire warden shall summon the fire wardens together, he shall preside at their meetings, and shall appoint one of his associates to discharge all his duties in case of his absence, sickness or other inability. A majority of said wardens shall be necessary to transact business, and to adopt such rules for the management of their body as they may think proper, consistent with the ordinances enacted for the government of said town. It shall be the duty of chief fire warden and the assistant wardens, under the direction of the chief warden, to exercise a general control at all fires; to direct the stations of the engines and to marshal and direct the efforts of the various fire companies and citizens. They shall provide a sufficient number of buckets, hooks, ladders, axes and such other implements as may be necessary for the complete extinguishment of fire. They shall cause the engines and all other implements for the extinguishment of fire to be deposited in safe and convenient places, and see that there is at all times a sufficient supply of them, and that they are kept in repair and good